



Make Your Place



Why MWa?

Your house is far more
than just a place to
rest your head.

Your home is a feeling and identity.

It's an incubator of family life.

At MWa, we take our responsibility seriously.

Your beautiful home is at the centre of what
we do.

We're a residential architectural practice
based in Sydney's northern beaches,
designing homes in suburban, heritage,
coastal and rural settings.





Michelle formed MWa in 2007 after holding government roles in town planning, corporate experience as a property development manager, a graduate architect apprenticeship with Alex Tzannes (ATA), and design tutoring at university.

With an academic background in art history and architecture, Michelle wanted to establish an architectural practice that excelled at residential architecture, interiors and landscape, including new builds and sensitive alterations and additions.

Since 2007, MWa has been committed to helping clients to make their place in the world, creating forever homes.

With more than 25 years' industry experience, we bring vision, experience, judgement and energy to your project.

We take care of the details to make sure your project runs smoothly, with results that exceed expectations.

MWa delivers a personal and personalised service, with a long history of happy clients who've entrusted us to deliver their projects over many years.

We're dedicated to the design of space, the craft of building and the making of homes.

Let us help you
make your place
in the world.





Style *vs* character

How will you know if MWA can deliver your 'forever home', that will seduce your family and be the place you've always longed for?

We like to think that the character of a home, just like the people who live in it, is individual, authentic, and unique.

Our design ethos considers residential architecture in terms of character, which allows for an individual response to climate, context, client, circumstance and conscience for each project.

The character of your home may reference past styles, but it's also firmly of its time, a contemporary, sustainable and enduring response to today's values. Style, on the other hand, has been defined by someone else and is typical of another time.

So whether you're seeking a new build, want to renovate or alter, or are stuck whether to start over or work with what you've got, we can help, with a design that's uniquely yours.

The highest praise we receive is when clients say of their new home:

"This feels right, like this was always meant to be"





Accolades

Credentials

Australian Institute of Architects
A+ Membership

NSW Board of Architects -
Registration 6350 & 9687

SustainAbility Design Specialist

Publications

The Australian

Home Beautiful

Grand Designs Australia

Renovate

Peninsula Living

Awards

Australian Institute of Architects Awards -
Residential - Alts & Adds - 2013 - Listed

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Dulux Colour Awards - Single Residential -
Exterior 2013 - Shortlisted

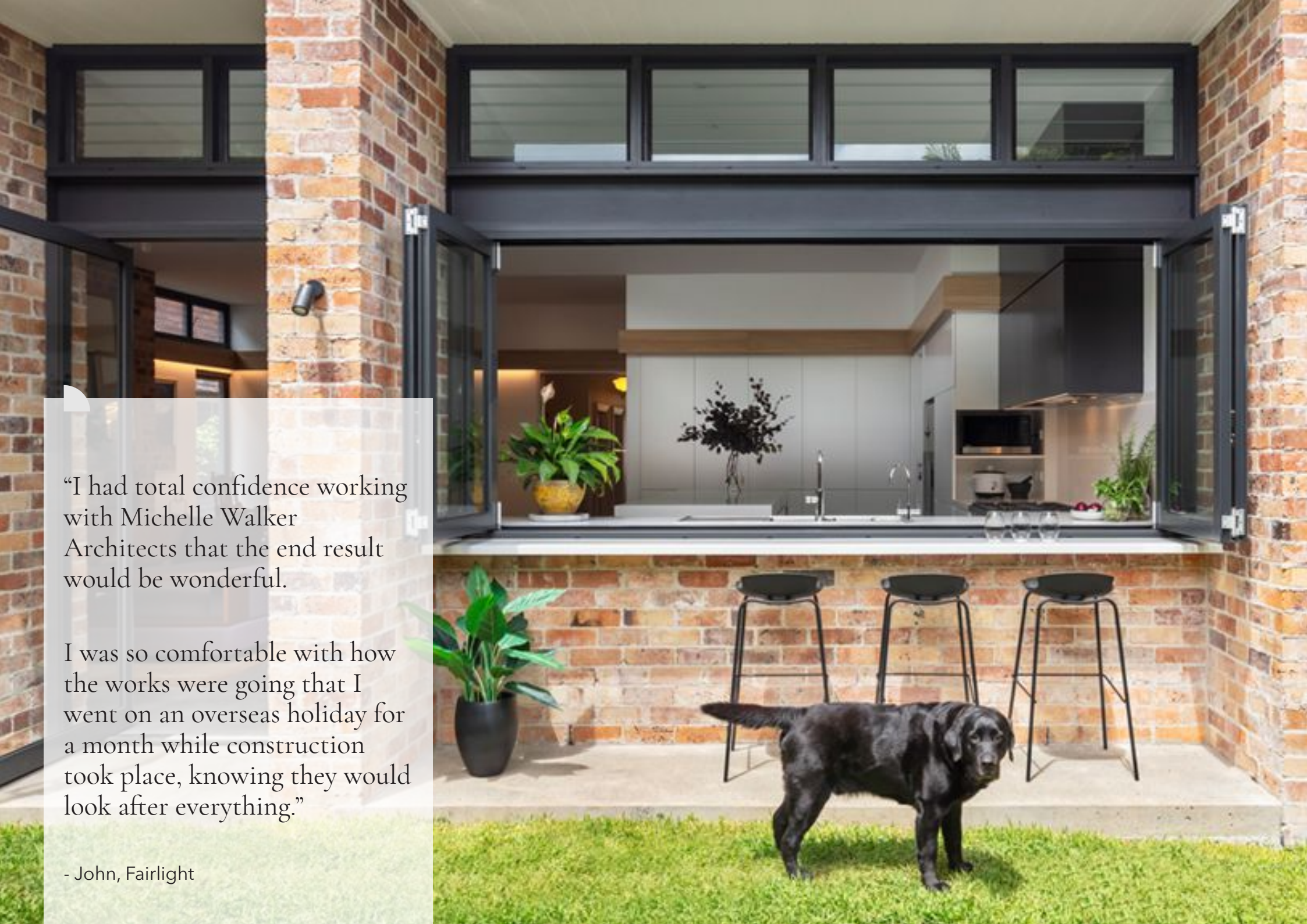
Dulux Colour Awards - Single Residential -
Exterior 2017 - Shortlisted & Commendation

Australian Interior Design Awards 2017 -
Residential - Listed

Think Brick Awards 2017 - Listed

Best of Houzz - 2013 to 2018





"I had total confidence working with Michelle Walker Architects that the end result would be wonderful.

I was so comfortable with how the works were going that I went on an overseas holiday for a month while construction took place, knowing they would look after everything."

- John, Fairlight



Working with us

MWa design the architecture, interiors, and outdoor living spaces of each home, providing a wholistic and comprehensive design service.

We work closely with you, from conception to completion, throughout all stages of the design, approvals and construction processes.

We collaborate with yourselves and your team of design consultants and construction professionals, including landscape architects, builders, engineers, certifiers, joiners and interior suppliers.

We lead you through the design process, and assist you make good decisions along the way.

The process involves:

- Understanding your vision and how to best work with your site
- Crafting design strategies that maximise your site's potential
- Realising a creative vision for your forever home
- Coordinating consultants and statutory approvals
- Preparing the necessary building documentation for tendering and construction
- Tendering and negotiating terms for your building contract
- Administering the building contract through construction, which includes co-ordinating with yourselves, the builder, design consultants and suppliers

“Michelle Walker Architects listened to every single thing I ever mentioned, and then months later would present me with a solution that referred back to something I had said, to tie it all it.”

- Penny, Pymble



“We loved working with Michelle Walker Architects and have done two projects with them now. A stand-out feature is the attention to detail and precision with which everything is done. Everything was considered.

The result speak for themselves, we recently sold our holiday house for a price higher than we expected - and all visitors to our family home talk about what a warm and inviting space it is.”

- Jodie, Manly and Wollongong

Timeframes

We know you're keen to ensure the process is swift and efficient, and usually want your project completed as soon as possible.

While project timeframes vary, projects tend to take about two years from commencement to completion. This includes time for design, securing the necessary approvals, thorough documentation, competitive tendering and of course, building on-site.

Typically, the sketch design will take about three months, DA preparation and approvals at least six months, documentation and tendering four to six months, and the construction period, nine to twelve months.

Fee guide

MWa's consultancy fees are based on the construction value of the home, and are billed in stages to help clients' cashflow.

Our fee structure and guides are provided upfront in writing at the beginning of the project, and confirmed in writing at the beginning of each stage, with no hidden surprises.

We know you want to know our fees; as a guide, we recommend the following allowances:

New build:	10%
<i>of construction costs</i>	
Residential alterations and additions:	15%
<i>of construction costs</i>	

Clients tend to have a minimum \$750,000 construction cost budget.

Allow for 15%-20% on top of your construction cost to cover additional projects costs, inclusive of architects fees, consultants fees and statutory fees. ie: \$750,000 for construction, \$150,000 for all fees & statutory costs.



“Every time when people asked me about my on-going big renovation, they were so surprised that I was relaxed and stress-free. I told them about how wonderful Michelle Walker Architects are.”

- Maggie, Wahroonga



“I’m in the construction industry so I’m a tough customer but found Michelle Walker Architects offer the perfect mix of listening to the client while still providing new ideas.

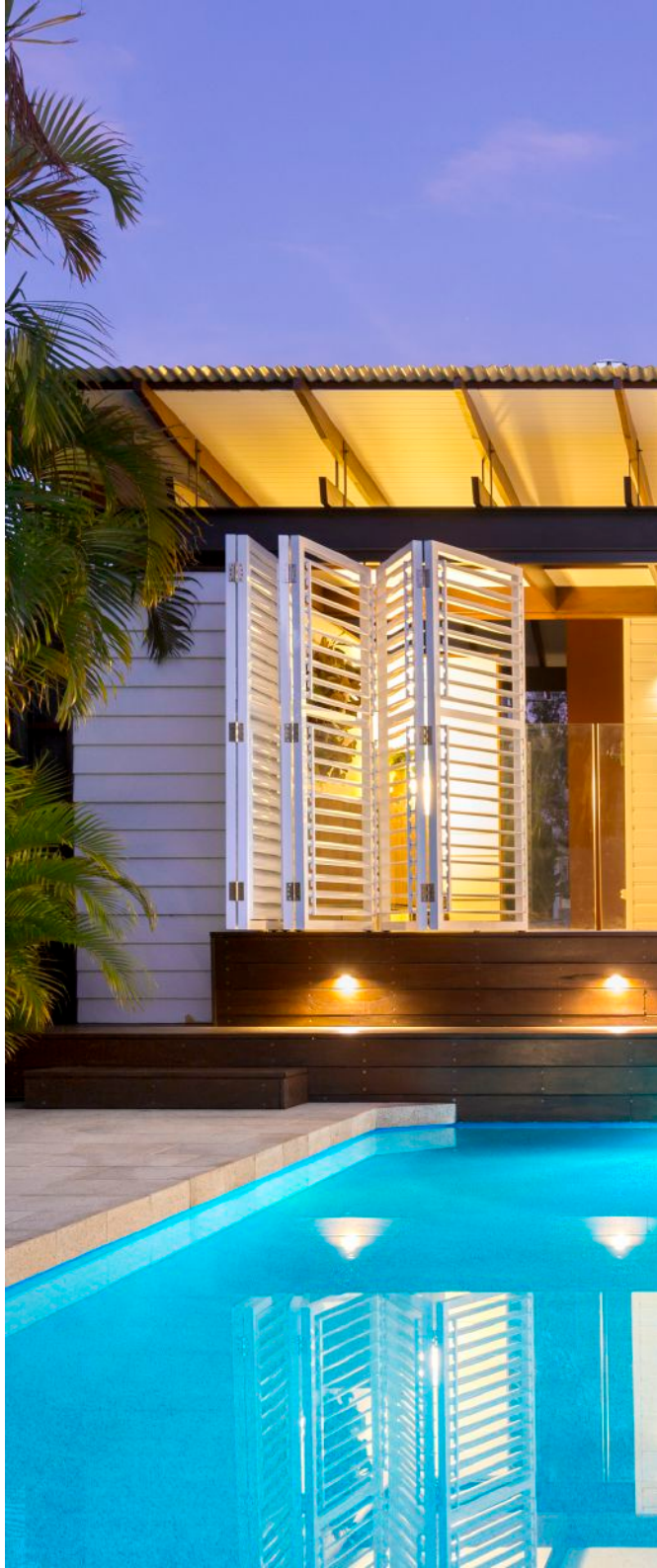
We felt that our needs were certainly met, but more than that, they were interpreted creatively and provided innovative solutions as well as presenting new ideas to us.”

- Simon, Balgowlah

Next steps...

The first step to enquiring about working together and an initial consultation is to fill out this form.

We look forward to talking.



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